# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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DNA DRUGS AND VACCINES OUTSIDE THE AMBIT OF DPCI
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that the pharmaceutical industry has requested for keeping the recombinant DNA drugs and vaccines outside the ambit of Drug Price Control Order (DPCO), 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ( SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a),(b) & (c) : Yes; a number of biotechnology firms have requested the Government for keeping the recombinant DNA drugs and vaccines outside the ambit of Drug Price Control Order (DPCO), 2002. However, the fact is that as per Government`s new Pharmaceutical Policy, para 12 VI (a) sub para
(i) announced in February, 2002, sera and vaccines have been specifically excluded from price regulation. There is no need for apprehension by the pharmaceutical firms that the price control would be extended to recombinant drugs and vaccines.